

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A case formed from a cardboard blank, the case comprising:
a tear-off panel, the tear-off panel including at least three foldable precut side edges constructed such that pulling the tear-off panel results in removal of the tear-off panel from the case along the foldable precut side edges;
at least two adjacent panel portions each being attached to one side edge of the tear-off panel; and
a breakaway bottom portion, the breakaway bottom portion including ~~precut frangible portions~~ connecting portions selected from the group consisting of precut frangible portions, a spot of adhesive, or combinations thereof constructed to be attached to the adjacent panel portions, wherein the ~~precut-frangible portions include precuts~~ are constructed such that pulling the breakaway bottom portion results in the frangible portion detaching from the at least two adjacent panel portions.
2. (Previously Presented) The case according to claim 1, wherein the case includes fold lines and precut joining lines that partially coincide.
3. (Currently Amended) The case according to claim 1, wherein the breakaway bottom portion includes a flap at a periphery portion, the flap including the ~~precut-frangible~~ connecting portions that include a portion of the periphery edge of the flap.
4. (Previously Presented) The case according to claim 1, wherein the case comprises an opposing wall portion opposite the tear-off panel, said opposing wall including a frangible portion constructed to be releasably glued to a breakaway bottom portion.
5. (Currently Amended) The case according to claim 4, wherein the single blank comprises at least four rectangular panels, namely a first panel intended to form the first wall, said first

panel being connected by a first join line to a second panel intended to form the bottom wall and, respectively, by second and third join lines a second and a third flap and by a fourth join line to a rectangular third panel and a rectangular fourth panel intended to form the wall opposite the first wall of the case, and wherein said second panel comprises two side flaps and an end flap, the fourth panel or the end flap of the second panel comprising said ~~precut frangible~~ connecting portion.

6. (Previously Presented) The case according to claim 5, wherein the second and third join lines are fold lines connecting the first panel to said second and third flaps intended at least partially to form side walls adjacent to said first wall of the case and wherein the fourth join line is a line connecting the first panel to a third panel intended to form a top wall of the case.

7. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the second and third join lines (83, 84) are fold lines connecting the first leaf (81) to two adjacent leaves (87, 88) intended to form the adjacent walls of the case and the fourth join line (85) is a line connecting the first leaf to a top flap (90) intended to at least partly form the top wall of the case.

8. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the precut frangible portions (28', 29'; 35, 37) are situated on the same side as the first leaf (2) and in that each of the said side flaps (17', 18'; 17", 18") of the second leaf (3) comprises at least one additional precut frangible portion (36, 38; 41, 42).

9. (Previously Presented) The case according to claim 6, wherein the first side wall being connected to the top wall by a folding line, the fourth join line is roughly in the form of an Ω astride the fold line.

10. (Previously Presented) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the blank includes a cutout and wherein the cutout is sized and configured such that pulling on the cutout removes the tear-off panel from the case.

11. (Previously Presented) The case according to claim 1, wherein at least one join line forms a perforated line exhibiting cut portions of a length D1 separated each from the next by attachment points of length D2, at least one of the lengths D1 and D2 varying along said perforated line.
12. (Previously Presented) The case according to claim 11, wherein the perforated line is of rectilinear shape.
13. (Previously Presented) The case according to claim 11, wherein the perforated line is of curved shape or has at least one corner.
14. (Previously Presented) The case according to claim 11, wherein the perforated line has a first region with cut portions of a first length D1 said to be a long length, so that the cut can be begun easily and a high tearing speed can be achieved, followed by a second region of length D1', shorter than D1, so as to obtain greater resistance to tearing.
15. (Previously Presented) The case according to claim 11, wherein the perforated line has a first region with tear points of a first length D2 said to be a short length, so that the cut can be begun easily and a high tear speed can be achieved, followed by a second region of length D2', longer than D2, so as to obtain greater resistance to tearing.
16. (Previously Presented) The case according to claim 11, wherein the perforated line comprises a third region having cut portions of a length D1" longer than D1'; and/or tear points of length D2" shorter than D2', so as to once again reduce the resistance to tearing.
17. (Currently Amended) A blank of cardboard for forming a case, the blank comprising:
a rectangular first panel constructed to form a first side wall, wherein the first panel includes a first, a second, a third, and a fourth join line, each join line being located at a periphery edge of the first panel;
a rectangular second panel constructed to form a bottom wall of the case; the second panel connected to the first panel at the first join line, the second panel including two side flaps,

wherein each side flap includes ~~precut frangible portions~~ connecting portions selected from the group consisting of precut frangible portions, a spot of adhesive, or combinations thereof; and a rectangular third panel connected to the first panel at a fourth join line.

18. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 17, wherein the second and third join lines partially coincide with fold lines constructed to connect the first panel to the two side flaps of the second panel to form side walls of the case.

19. (Withdrawn) The blank (80) as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the second and third join lines (83, 84) are fold lines connecting the first leaf (81) to two adjacent leaves (87, 88) intended to form the walls of the case and the fourth join line (85) is a line connecting the first leaf (81) to a top flap (90) intended at least partially to form the top of the case.

20. (Currently Amended) The blank according to claim 17, wherein the second panel includes having at least one ~~precut frangible~~ connecting portion.

21. (Currently Amended) The blank according to claim 17, wherein the ~~precut frangible~~ connecting portions of the two side flaps of the second panel are cut along an open line with one side completely open to the outside periphery edge of said flaps.

22. (Withdrawn) The blank as claims in claim 20, characterized in that the precut frangible portions (28', 29'; 35, 37) lie on the same side as the first leaf (2) and in that each of said side flaps (17', 18'; 17", 18") of the second leaf (3) comprises at least one additional precut frangible portion (36, 38; 41, 42).

23. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 17, wherein the fourth join line is in the form of a Ω astride the fold line.

24. (Previously Presented) The blank according to claim 17, wherein the blank includes a hollowed-out part connected to the first panel such that pulling on the blank around the hollowed-out portion results in tearing the first panel from the blank.

25. (New) A case made of a sheet of cardboard or corrugated cardboard, formed from a single blank and comprising a portion at least partially forming a first side wall of said case, said first side wall having adjacent parts of wall connected to said first side wall by folding lines, said portion being precut in said first side wall, or at least partially connected by precut join lines to said adjacent parts of walls each said adjacent parts of walls having respectively an inferior portion, and a bottom wall,

said inferior portion being secured respectively to flaps connected to the bottom wall, via at least one connecting part, said connecting part selected from the group consisting of a precut frangible portion, a spot of adhesive, or combinations thereof, said connecting part being arranged to be disconnected from said flaps connected to the bottom wall, by hand, simply by pulling.